

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. For purposes of expedition, claims 2-10 have been amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity and brevity that are unrelated to patentability and prior art rejections while Claims 11-14 have been newly added in accordance with current Office policy, to further and alternatively define Applicants' disclosed invention and to assist the Examiner to expedite compact prosecution of the instant application.

Claims 1-3, 7 and 8 have been allowed without the necessity of amendments. The Examiner's indication of allowability of these claims is noted with appreciation. For purposes of expedition, dependent claims 2-3, 7 and 8 have been amended in several particulars only for clarity and brevity so as to place in condition for allowance.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on November 15, 2002, along with Form PTO-1449 listing U.S. Patent No. 5,488,487 issued to Ojima et al., EP 260 020 issued to Dispoto et al., and EP 794 656 issued to Pitou et al., has **not** been considered and entered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that Form PTO-1449 filed on November 15, 2002 be considered and checked as appropriate.

Claims 4-6, 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2d ¶, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that "it is not clear as to what action is being performed simultaneously with the switching of the address offset value" as defined in base claim 4. In response thereto, base claim 4 has been amended to clearly set forth conditions in which the PWM tone value (p) and the address offset value are being added. Accordingly, in view of these corrections,

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of base claim 4 and its dependent claims 5-6, 9 and 10 be withdrawn, and base claims 4-6, 9 and 10 be placed in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-14 have been newly added to alternatively define Applicants' disclosed invention over the prior art of record. These claims are believed to be allowable at least for the same reasons indicated with respect to claims 1-3, 7 and 8. No fee is incurred by the addition of claims 11-14.

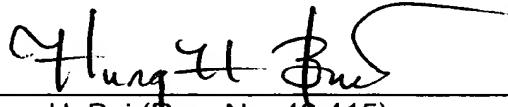
In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims 1-14 are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Washington DC area office at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 500.38902X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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